

Subsecs. (i), (j). Pub. L. 99-661, § 604(b)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (j) as (i) and struck out former subsec. (i) which read as follows: "A member of the Naval Reserve, Fleet Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve is entitled to the pay and allowances provided by law or regulation for a member of the Regular Navy, Regular Marine Corps, or Regular Coast Guard, as the case may be, of corresponding grade and length of service, under the same conditions as those described in clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (g) of this section."

1983—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 98-94 added subsec. (j).

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted "The following persons" for "Except for members covered by section 202(i) of this title, the following persons".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 665(c)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-169, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 30, 2000]."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-337 effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VI, § 631(d), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1985, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 206 of this title] shall apply with respect to persons who, after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 29, 1988], incur or aggravate an injury, illness, or disease, or who die as the result of incurring or aggravating an injury, illness, or disease."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-94 applicable only in cases of injuries incurred or aggravated on or after Sept. 24, 1983, see section 1012(c) of Pub. L. 98-94, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1074a of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 205. Computation: service creditable

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), for the purpose of computing the basic pay of a member of a uniformed service, his years of service are computed by adding—

(1) all periods of active service as an officer, Army field clerk, flight officer, aviation midshipman, or enlisted member of a uniformed service;

(2) all periods during which he was enlisted or held an appointment as an officer, Army field clerk, or flight officer of—

(A) a regular component of a uniformed service;

(B) the Regular Army Reserve;

(C) the Organized Militia before July 1, 1916;

(D) the National Guard;

(E) the National Guard Reserve;

(F) a reserve component of a uniformed service;

(G) the Naval Militia;

(H) the National Naval Volunteers;

(I) the Navy Reserve Force;

(J) the Army without specification of component;

(K) the Air Force without specification of component;

(L) the Marine Corps Reserve Force;

(M) the Philippine Scouts; or

(N) the Philippine Constabulary;

(3) for a commissioned officer in service on June 30, 1922, all service that was then counted in computing longevity pay and all service as a contract surgeon serving full time;

(4) all periods during which he held an appointment as a nurse, reserve nurse, or commissioned officer in the Army Nurse Corps as it existed at any time before April 16, 1947, the Navy Nurse Corps as it existed at any time before April 16, 1947, or the Public Health Service, or a reserve component of any of them;

(5) all periods during which he was a deck officer or junior engineer in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(6) all periods that, under law in effect on January 10, 1962, were authorized to be credited in computing basic pay; and

(7) all periods while—

(A) on a temporary disability retired list, honorary retired list, or a retired list of a uniformed service;

(B) entitled to retired pay, retirement pay, or retainer pay, from a uniformed service or the Department of Veterans Affairs, as a member of the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve; or

(C) a member of the Honorary Reserve of the Officers' Reserve Corps or the Organized Reserve Corps.

Except for any period of active service described in clause (1) and except as provided by subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1402 and subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1402a of title 10, a period of service described in clauses (2) through (7) that is performed while on a retired list, in a retired status, or in the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, may not be included to increase retired pay, retirement pay, or retainer pay. For the purpose of clause (5), periods during which a member was a deck officer or junior engineer in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration includes periods during which a member was a deck officer or junior engineer in the Environmental Science Services Administration or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

(b) A period of time may not be counted more than once under subsection (a).

(c) The periods of service authorized to be counted under subsection (a) shall, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, include service performed by a member of a uniformed service before he became 18 years of age.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a commissioned officer may not count in computing basic

pay a period of service after October 13, 1964, that the officer performed concurrently as a member of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, except for service that the officer performed on or after August 1, 1979, other than for training as an enlisted member of the Selected Reserve may be so counted.

(e)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a period of service described in paragraph (2) of a member who enlists in a reserve component may not be counted under this section.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following service:

(A) Service performed while a member of a reserve component under an enlistment under section 12103(b) or 12103(d) of title 10 before the member begins service on active duty under such section (including a period of active duty for training) unless the member performs inactive-duty training before beginning service on active duty or active duty for training;

(B) Service performed while a member of a reserve component under an enlistment under section 513 of title 10 (other than a period of active duty to which the member is ordered under chapter 1209 of title 10 or another provision of law).

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the periods of service of a commissioned officer appointed under section 12203 of title 10 after receiving financial assistance under section 16401 of such title that are counted under this section may not include a period of service after January 1, 2000, that the officer performed concurrently as an enlisted member of the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class program and the Marine Corps Reserve, except that service after that date that the officer performed before commissioning (concurrently with the period of service as a member of the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class program) as an enlisted member on active duty or as a member of the Selected Reserve may be so counted.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 458; Pub. L. 88-647, title II, § 202(1), Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1070; Pub. L. 89-718, § 49(a)(1), (b), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 90-623, § 3(3), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1314; Pub. L. 93-545, § 2, Dec. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1741; Pub. L. 96-342, title VIII, § 813(b)(3)(D), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 96-513, title IV, § 402, title V, § 516(3), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2904, 2937; Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, § 607(a), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2538; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title V, § 501(c), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1435; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 702(b)(1), (2), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title V, § 517(b), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2407; Pub. L. 103-35, title II, § 204(a)(1), May 31, 1993, 107 Stat. 102; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, § 1676(b)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3019; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, § 507(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2512; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, § 1073(b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1904; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, § 551(c), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 614; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title V, § 533(e)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-111; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, § 515(d)(1)(C), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3236.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
205(a)	37:233(a) (less words after 2d semicolon of clause (7)).	Oct. 12, 1949, ch. 681, § 202 (less proviso of (d)), 63 Stat. 807; Apr. 30, 1956, ch. 223, § 2, 70 Stat. 121.
205(b)	37:233(b). 37:233(a)(7) (words between 2d and 3d semicolons).	
205(c)	37:233(d) (less proviso). 37:233(a)(7) (words after 3d semicolon).	
205(d)	37:233(c).	

In subsection (a), the introductory clause is substituted for section 233(a) (introductory clause) of existing title 37. In clauses (1) and (2), the word "officer" is substituted for the words "commissioned officer, commissioned warrant officer, warrant officer" to conform to the definition of "officer" in section 101(11) of this revised title. In clause (1), the words "Regular or Reserve component" are omitted, since, under the definition of "reserve component" in section 102(k) of the source statute, those words are defined to include members without component status. Together, these categories compose the entire structure of any uniformed service. In clause (2)(F), the words "a reserve component of a uniformed service" are substituted for the words "the National Guard of the United States, or in the Organized Reserve Corps, or in the Officers' Reserve Corps, or in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, or in the Medical Reserve Corps, or in the Medical Reserve Corps of the Navy, or in the Dental Reserve Corps of the Navy . . . or in the Naval Reserve . . . or in the Air National Guard of the United States, or in the Air Force Reserve, or in the officers' section of the Air Force Reserve, or in the enlisted section of the Air Force Reserve, or in the Air Corps Reserve . . . or in the Marine Corps Reserve, or in the Coast Guard Reserve, or in the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service," since all of the named organizations were or are reserve components. In clause (4), the words "as it existed at any time before April 16, 1947" are inserted for clarity, since the reference is intended to apply to the corps established by law before April 16, 1947. Service in the Army Nurse Corps or Navy Nurse Corps now existing would be included under clause (1) or (2), since there is now no legal distinction between the service of nurses and that of other members of the Army and Navy. In clause (6), the date "January 1, 1961," is substituted for the words "the effective date of this section," to reflect laws enacted after that effective date which authorized certain service to be credited for pay purposes. See, for example, Public Law 86-142. Clause (9) is substituted for section 233(b) (less proviso) of existing title 37. The last sentence is substituted for section 233(b) (proviso) of existing title 37.

In subsection (b), the first 33 words of section 233(d) of existing title 37 are omitted as covered by the words "are computed by adding" in subsection (a). The words "for any reason," in section 233(d) of existing title 37, are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c)(3), the words "chapter 67 of title 10" are substituted for the words "title III of the Army and Air Force Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1948," since that title was repealed by section 53 of the Act of August 10, 1956, ch. 1041 (70A Stat. 641), and is now codified as chapter 67 of title 10 by section 1 of that Act.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a)(2)(I). Pub. L. 109-163 substituted "Navy Reserve" for "Naval Reserve".

2000—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted "that the officer performed concurrently as an enlisted member" for "that the officer performed concurrently as a member" and "section 12203" for "section 12209".

1999—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-65 added subsec. (f).

1997—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted a comma for the period after "August 1, 1979".

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “for service that the officer performed on or after August 1, 1979.” for “that service after July 31, 1990, that the officer performed while serving on active duty”.

1994—Subsec. (e)(2)(A). Pub. L. 103-337, § 1676(b)(2)(A), substituted “12103(b) or 12103(d)” for “511(b) or 511(d)”.

Subsec. (e)(2)(B). Pub. L. 103-337, § 1676(b)(2)(B), substituted “chapter 1209” for “chapter 39”.

1993—Subsec. (a)(7)(B). Pub. L. 103-35 substituted “the Department of Veterans Affairs” for “the Veterans’ Administration”.

1992—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-484 amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (d) read as follows: “Notwithstanding subsection (a), a commissioned officer may not count in computing his basic pay any period of service after October 13, 1964, that he performed concurrently as a member of a uniformed service and as a member of the Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps.”

1991—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” and “of this subsection” wherever appearing.

1989—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101-189 amended subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (e) read as follows: “Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a period served by a member of a uniformed service in a reserve component under an enlistment under section 511 of title 10 before the member—

“(1) begins service on active duty under subsection (b) of that section, or

“(2) begins an initial period of active duty for training under subsection (d) of that section, may not be counted under this section.”

1984—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 98-525 added subsec. (e).

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513, § 402(a), struck out in introductory text reference to subsec. (d) of this section, struck out cls. (7) and (8), which provided for the addition of four years for medical and dental officers and one year in addition to the four years for a medical officer who has completed one year of medical internship or the equivalent, respectively, redesignated cl. (9) as (7), and in text following cl. (7), as so redesignated, substituted “subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1402 and subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1402a” for “section 1402(b)-(d) and section 1402a(a)-(d)”, and “clauses (2) through (7)” for “clauses (2)-(9)”.

Pub. L. 96-513, § 516(3), substituted in cl. (5) “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration” for “Environmental Science Service Administration” and in provision following cl. (9) substituted “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration” for “Environmental Science Service Administration” and inserted “Environmental Science Service Administration” before “Coast and Geodetic Survey”.

Pub. L. 96-342 inserted reference to section 1402a(a)-(d) of title 10.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-513, § 402(b), struck out provisions relating to reduction of amount of service authorized to be credited under cl. (7) or (8) of subsec. (a) of this section.

Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 96-513, § 402(c), redesignated subsecs. (d) and (e) as (c) and (d), respectively. Former subsec. (c), relating to limitations on service credited under cl. (7) or (8) of subsec. (a) of this section, was struck out.

1974—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 93-545 inserted “aviation midshipman,” after “flight officer.”.

1968—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 90-623 substituted “October 13, 1964,” for “the enactment of this subsection”.

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted “Environmental Science Services Administration” for “Coast and Geodetic Survey” in cl. (5) and inserted provision that, for the purpose of cl. (5), periods during which a member was a deck officer or junior engineer in the Environmental Science Services Administration includes periods during which a member was a deck officer or junior engineer in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

1964—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 88-647 added subsec. (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-337 effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, § 607(b), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2538, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to persons who enlist under section 511 [now 12103] of title 10, United States Code, on or after the first day of the third calendar month which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 19, 1984].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 402 of Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, but the authority to prescribe regulations under the amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective on Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

Amendment by section 516(3) of Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-623 intended to restate without substantive change the law in effect on Oct. 22, 1968, see section 6 of Pub. L. 90-623, set out as a note under section 5334 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

INCLUSION OF SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AMONG SENIOR ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, § 685(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3325, as amended by Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, § 1071(e)(5), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2401; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, § 603(a)(2)(A), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3398, provided that:

“(1) EQUAL TREATMENT.—The rate of basic pay for an enlisted member in the grade E-9 while serving as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall be the same as the rate of basic pay for an enlisted member in that grade while serving as Sergeant Major of the Army, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, regardless of cumulative years of service computed under section 205 of title 37, United States Code.

“(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall apply beginning on the date on which an enlisted member of the Armed Forces is first appointed to serve as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.”

TRANSITION PROVISION

Subsec. (f) of this section applicable to certain enlisted members of the Marine Corps Reserve selected for training as an officer candidate under section 12209 of Title 10, Armed Forces, before implementation of a financial assistance program under section 16401 of Title 10, see section 551(d) of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 16401 of Title 10.

BENEFITS NOT TO ACCRUE FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1996

No increase in pay or retired or retainer pay to accrue for periods before Sept. 23, 1996, by reason of amendments made by section 507 of Pub. L. 104-201, see section 507(c) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 2106 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

TRANSITION PROVISIONS UNDER DEFENSE OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ACT

For provisions to prevent extinction or premature termination of rights, duties, penalties, or proceedings

that existed or were begun prior to the effective date of Pub. L. 96-513, and otherwise to allow for an orderly transition to the system of officer personnel management put in place under Pub. L. 96-513, see section 601 et seq. (particularly §625) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 611 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 206. Reserves; members of National Guard: inactive-duty training

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, and to the extent provided for by appropriations, a member of the National Guard or a member of a reserve component of a uniformed service who is not entitled to basic pay under section 204 of this title, is entitled to compensation, at the rate of $\frac{1}{30}$ of the basic pay authorized for a member of a uniformed service of a corresponding grade entitled to basic pay—

(1) for each regular period of instruction, or period of appropriate duty, at which the member is engaged for at least two hours, including that performed on a Sunday or holiday;

(2) for the performance of such other equivalent training, instruction, duty, or appropriate duties, as the Secretary may prescribe; or

(3) for a regular period of instruction that the member is scheduled to perform but is unable to perform because of physical disability resulting from an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated—

(A) in line of duty while performing—

(i) active duty; or

(ii) inactive-duty training;

(B) while traveling directly to or from that duty or training (unless such injury, illness, disease, or aggravation of an injury, illness, or disease is the result of the gross negligence or misconduct of the member); or

(C) in line of duty while remaining overnight immediately before the commencement of inactive-duty training, or while remaining overnight, between successive periods of inactive-duty training, at or in the vicinity of the site of the inactive-duty training.

(b) The regulations prescribed under subsection (a) for each uniformed service, the National Guard, and each of the classes of organization of the reserve components within each uniformed service, may be different. The Secretary concerned shall, for the National Guard and each of the classes of organization within each uniformed service, prescribe—

(1) minimum standards that must be met before an assembly for drill or other equivalent period of training, instruction, duty, or appropriate duties may be credited for pay purposes, and those standards may require the presence for duty of officers and enlisted members in numbers equal to or more than a minimum number or percentage of the unit strength for a specified period of time with participation in a prescribed kind of training;

(2) the maximum number of assemblies or periods of other equivalent training, instruction, duty, or appropriate duties, that may be counted for pay purposes in each fiscal year or in lesser periods of time; and

(3) the minimum number of assemblies or periods of other equivalent training, instruction,

duty, or appropriate duties that must be completed in stated periods of time before the members of units or organizations can qualify for pay.

(c) A person enlisted in the inactive National Guard is not entitled to pay under this section.

(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section does not authorize compensation for work or study performed by a member of a reserve component or by a member of the National Guard while not in Federal service in connection with correspondence courses of a uniformed service.

(2) A member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve may be paid compensation under this section at a rate and under terms determined by the Secretary of Defense, but not to exceed the rate otherwise applicable to the member under subsection (a), upon the member's successful completion of a course of instruction undertaken by the member using electronic-based distributed learning methodologies to accomplish training requirements related to unit readiness or mobilization, as directed for the member by the Secretary concerned. The compensation may be paid regardless of whether the course of instruction was under the direct control of the Secretary concerned or included the presence of an instructor.

(3) The prohibition in paragraph (1), including the prohibition as it relates to a member of the National Guard while not in Federal service, applies to—

(A) any work or study performed on or after September 7, 1962, unless that work or study is specifically covered by the exception in paragraph (2); and

(B) any claim based on that work or study arising after that date.

(e) A member of the National Guard or of a reserve component of the uniformed services may not be paid under this section for more than four periods of equivalent training, instruction, duty, or appropriate duties performed during a fiscal year instead of the member's regular period of instruction or regular period of appropriate duty during that fiscal year.

(f) A member of the Individual Ready Reserve is not entitled to compensation under this section for participation in screening for which the member is paid a stipend under section 433a of this title.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 460; Pub. L. 98-525, title XIV, §1402(a), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2620; Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title VI, §604(c), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3876; Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VI, §631(c), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1985; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VII, §702(d), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 371; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, §513(g), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1732; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §513(e), title VI, §603(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1093, 1133; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §604, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3287; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, §607, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2247; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VI, §633(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 155.)